

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Emi KITA

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SERIAL NO: New Application

EXAMINER:

FILED: Herewith

FOR: IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND APPARATUS INCLUDING AN EASY-TO-HANDLE LARGE CAPACITY TONER CONTAINER

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/412,390, filed April 14, 2003, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

| <u>COUNTRY</u> | <u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u> | <u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) Japan | 2002-110525 | April 12, 2002 |
| (B) Japan | 2003-38211 | February 17, 2003 |

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☐ were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- ☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
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☒ (B) Application Serial No.(s)

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